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WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT, 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit for your consideration the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of the district during the year ended 31st December, 1954. I am pleased to be able to report that during the year under review the death rate was the lowest that has been recorded since the Urban Area was formed in 1936, the total number of deaths being 58. The district as a whole was remarkably healthy and only 29 cases of infectious diseases were notified, 25 of these being minor attacks of whooping cough. I desire to express to the members of the Council, to Mr. McLane, and the Clerk and other members of the staff, my sincere thanks for their help and consideration.

Statistics and Social Conditions in the Area.

Total Area of Whaley Bridge Urban District (in acres)	-	3,487.
Estimated population (mid 1954)	-	5,320.
Number of inhabited houses at the end of 1954.	-	1878.
Sum represented by a penny rate.	-	£137.
Rateable Value.	-	£34,623.

Extracts from Vital Statistics for 1954.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births, Legitimate.	36.	34.	70.
" " Illegitimate.	1.	-	1.
Still Births, Legitimate.	1.	1.	2.
" " Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Live Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population.	-	-	13.34.
" " " " " " " " " " " "	-	-	-
(In England & Wales)	-	-	15.2.
Still Birth Rate per 1000 (total live & still births)	-	-	27.4.
Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population	-	-	10.9.
" " " " " " " " " " " " (In England & Wales)	-	-	11.3.
Deaths from Puerperal Causes.	-	-	Nil.
Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age.	M.	F.	
Legitimate.	- 0.	1.	
Illegitimate.	- 0.	0.	
Death of infants under 4 weeks of age.	- 0.	1.	
Death Rate - all infants per 1000 live births.	-	-	14.1.
" " " " " " " " " " " "	-	-	-
(In England & Wales)	-	-	25.5.
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births.	-	-	14.3.
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births.	-	-	Nil.
	M.	F.	Total.
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	2.	4.	6.
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	0.	0.	0.
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	0.	0.	0.

The chief occupations of the district are cotton weaving, cotton bleaching and calico printing. These occupations have no pernicious effect on the health of the employees and the district as a whole maintained a good standard of health. There has been very little unemployment in the area during the year.

<u>Causes of death are classified as follows:-</u>	M.	F.	Total.
Tuberculosis.	0.	0.	0.
Diphtheria.	0.	0.	0.
Pneumonia.	0.	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.	0.	0.	0.
Measles.	0.	0.	0.
Bronchitis.	2.	3.	5.
Other Diseases of Respiratory System.	1.	0.	1.

	M.	F.	Total.
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach.	0.	1.	1.
" " Breast.	0.	0.	0.
" " Bronchus.	0.	0.	0.
Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms.	2.	3.	5.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System.	7.	5.	12.
Coronary Disease, Angina.	8.	2.	10.
Other Heart Disease.	5.	11.	16.
Other Circulatory Disease. .	0.	1.	1.
Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum.	0.	0.	0.
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea.	0.	0.	0.
Nephritis.	0.	0.	0.
Congenital Malformations.	0.	0.	0.
Diabetes.	2.	0.	2.
Hyperplasia of Prostrate.	0.	0.	0.
Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion.	0.	0.	0.
Other defined and ill defined diseases.	2.	3.	5.
Motor Vehicle Accidents.	0.	0.	0.
Other Accidents.	0.	0.	0.
Suicide.	0.	0.	0.
	<u>29.</u>	<u>29.</u>	<u>58.</u>

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Inspections under the various Acts appertaining to Public Health were systematically carried out and any appropriate action taken when necessary.

Water Supply.

The water supply of the district is chiefly derived from springs the yields from which are collected into service reservoirs in various parts of the district, namely, Diglee, Foxhome, Stoneheads, Taxal and Leehead. These service reservoirs were emptied and cleaned out during the year. During the year 14 houses which were previously served with a private water supply of doubtful quality were connected up to the Council's main supply after service of notices. A further four houses still require to be connected up to the public main supply.

The number of houses supplied with water from the Council's mains was 1699 whilst 160 houses in the northern part of the district were supplied by Stockport Corporation through their mains from Kinder Reservoir.

Only nineteen houses have a private water supply and this total is mainly composed of isolated farm houses. All houses using the Council's water have a piped supply laid on to the premises.

A section of the Taxal water main was descaled in an effort to obviate the discolouration of water which was occasionally experienced. Whilst descaling was in progress an obstruction in the main was located, which upon investigation was found to be a buried sluice valve which was only partially open. The descaling and removal of the obstruction in the main effected the desired improvement in the supply.

No restriction on the consumption of water was necessary at any period of the year.

An extension to the water mains, comprising the laying of 93 yards of 3" Cast Iron Main was carried out to cater for new Housing development at Orchard Road, Whaley Bridge.

On 14th July, 1954 the Council commenced taking water from the Stockport Corporation Goyt Reservoir through a connection made with their 30" Main at Horwich End. The Council are permitted to take up to 45,000 gallons of water per day at a cost of treatment only with an option to take up to a further 80,000 gallons per day at an agreed price. This water is used to supply the area formerly served by the Nook Reservoir which was relinquished owing to maintenance difficulties. Up to the end of the year under review the Council had taken 6,868,000 gallons of water from the Stockport Corporation main.

Housing.

During the year the Council erected 18 two-Bedroom type houses at Orchard Road, Whaley Bridge. The number of post war houses erected has now reached the creditable figure of 192 of which 10 are temporary bungalows.

As the bungalows are seriously affected by condensation it is hoped that the tenants will be re-housed at a fairly early date and the bungalows removed so that the site may be used for the erection of further permanent dwellings.

Sewerage.

The Sewerage is conveyed through the Council's sewers to the sewage disposal works at Furness Vale, the treatment being carried out under the control of the Whaley Bridge Joint Sewerage Board.

No complaints have been received concerning the discharged effluent in the River Goyt. The sewers have been maintained in good condition, cleansing and rodding being carried out when necessary. Practically the whole of the districts sewered, excepting Fernilee and Cadster Areas. Ten per cent (10%) test-baiting of sewer manholes in the district was again carried out to ascertain the extent of rat infestation, and only one area was infestation noted and this was of Minor character. Disinfestation treatment of sewers was again undertaken in August.

Refuse Collection & Disposal.

The Council carried out the collection of refuse by direct labour with a modern refuse collection vehicle.

During the year the Council purchased a new Karrier Gamecock Refuse Collection Vehicle of 10/12 cubic yards capacity. to replace the Karrier Bantam Vehicle of 7 cubic yards capacity.

The refuse was tipped on the Council's refuse tip at Fernilee.

Rag Flock Act.

There are no premises in the area where rag flock is manufactured, used or sold.

Factories Act.

Periodical inspections of premises coming within the jurisdiction of this Act have shown sanitary conditions to be satisfactorily maintained.

Infectious and other Diseases.

The district was very free from any serious cases of infectious disease throughout the year. No cases of malaria or dysentery were notified and your district had no influenza epidemic. It is again significant that no cases of diphtheria were notified during the period under review, once again emphasising the value of the immunisation scheme of which advantage has been taken.

No case of Poliomyelitis arose throughout the year nor was there notified a single case of Pneumonia.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis)

Notifiable Diseases.	Total	0	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Hosp. Deaths	Cases.
	all	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	ages.	1	3	5	10	15	20	35	45	60	Over.		
Smallpox.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	3.	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever (including paratyphoid)	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases generally notifiable:-	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles.	1.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.	25.	2	4	8	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio-Myelitis.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Diseases notifiable locally.	Nil.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	29.	2	4	9	13	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Tuberculosis - New Cases & Mortality, 1954.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Resp.		Respiratory.		Non-Resp.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25.	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 45.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

G. COCHRANE,

Medical Officer of Health.

20th September, 1955.

WHALEY BRIDGE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT ON THE SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE
DISTRICT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954

To the Chairman & Members of the
Whaley Bridge Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I beg to present to you my Annual Report on the
sanitary conditions and a brief summary of work done during the
year ended 31st December, 1954.

Housing:


Number of houses in district at 31st December, 1953	-	1858
New houses erected during year by:-		
(a) Local Authority.	-	18
(b) Private Enterprise.	-	3
		<u>1879</u>
Number of houses demolished or closed during 1954	-	1
Number of houses capable of occupation		<u>1878</u>
Number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).	-	98
Number of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for habitation.	-	39
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-	1
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of action by local authority (formal or informal).	-	36
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	-	Nil
Number of dwellings demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.	-	Nil
Number of dwellings in respect of which undertakings were accepted.	-	1
Number of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made.	-	Nil

Closet Accommodation in the Area

Houses with pail closet accommodation.	-	34
Houses with Privy accommodation.	-	10
Houses with W.C. closet accommodation.	-	1834

Sanitary Inspections

Number of inspections made under Public Health, Housing Acts, etc.	-	959
Defects or Nuisances:-		
Number discovered.	-	273
Number abated with or without Notice.	-	259
Number of Notices served:-		
Informal Notices.	-	108
Statutory Notices.	-	2
Legal Proceedings.	-	Nil



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Details of Inspections:-

	Inspections.	Nuisances abated.
Defective Closet accommodation.	82.	34.
Defective Ashbins or Ashpits.	68.	41.
Drainage Defects.	126.	85.
Housing Repairs.	98.	36.
Offensive Accumulations.	6.	1.
Urinals.	31.	-
Flooding of Cellars.	7.	2.
Foul condition of houses.	4.	-
Animals improperly kept.	4.	-
Water supply.	224.	59.
Bakehouses.	18.	-
Factories & Workshops.	71.	1.
Shops & Food Premises.	83.	-
Other inspections.	137.	14.

Houses disinfected

After Scarlet Fever.	-	3.
After other diseases.	-	9.

Drainage

Number of houses in district connected to sewers	-	1703
Number of houses in district not connected to sewers	-	175
Number of connections made during year.	-	20.

Food Inspection

During the year the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

Ox Tongues	2 tins (14 lbs.7 oz.)	Stewed Steak	4 tins
Peaches	9 tins.	Grapefruit.	5 tins.
Pears	4 tins.	Evap. Milk.	2 tins.
Pork Luncheon Meat	6 tins.	Peas.	3 tins.
Condensed Milk	13 tins.	Pineapple.	3 tins.
Tomatoes.	8 tins.	Pork.	27 tins.
Ham.	12 lbs.3 oz.	Corned Beef.	1 tin (6 lbs)

Water Statistics

Details of the Council's water service reservoirs are as follows:-

		<u>Storage</u>	
Leehead Reservoir.		1,250,000	gallons.
Taxal Reservoir.		20,000	"
Digloo Reservoir.		247,000	"
Foxhome Reservoir.		100,000	"
Stone Heads Reservoir.		200,000	"
		1,817,000	"
			<u>Estimated population involved.</u>
Number of houses in district connected to mains.	1859.	5251.	
Number of houses supplied from standpipes on mains.	Nil.	Nil.	
Number of houses not supplied from standpipes or mains.	19.	69.	
Number of connections made during year:-			
(a) Existing houses.	14.		
(b) New houses.	21.		
(c) Other premises.	1.		

I am, Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

A. McLane,

25th September, 1955.

Sanitary Inspector.

